technical areas of the transmitter station, a security fencing between the station and the public path within the complex, posting of adequate number of security personnel, tower and flood lights for security requirements and installation of a fire alarm system including back up water pumping for fire fighting.

Setting up of Farm Products Marketing Boards

2717. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India on 27th October, 1988 to the effect that rice millers are actively frustrating Government drive for paddy procurement and if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up Farm Products Marketing Boards in each district/State to fix weekly/seasonal fair prices of each farm produce for producers and consumers in order to curb the undesirable activities of middlemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Farmers are free to sell their paddy at any price and to any party. Paddy sales to public procuring agencies are voluntary and the agencies purchase the paddy offered to them as a price support measures aimed at protecting the farmer from exploitation. The State Governments have been advised to enforce levy and other regulatory orders, strictly, to maximise levy rice procurement.

(b) The information is being collected.

Special assistance to small and marginal farmers of Orissa

2718. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small and marginal farmers in Orissa are given any special assistance by Government: and

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance provided to the small and marginal farmers under different schemes by the end of July, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the Central assistance provided to small and marginal farmers during the current financial year under different special Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Orissa is enclosed. (See below). Besides, assistance has also been provided under the other Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes which includes small and marginal farmers also.

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Central Funds released during the Current Financial year under Central/Centrally sponsored Schemes to Orissa

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Central allocation for 1988-89	Central amount released upto July, 1988
1	2	3	4
1.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production		
	(a) For normal components	203.69	66.15

1	2	3	4
	(b) For Shallow tubewells/dug wells programme for Special Foodgrains Production Programme under the scheme .	723.54	361.77
2	Integrated Rural Development Programme	1778.87	850.60
3	Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (including construction of 12,500 wells under Million Wells Scheme) .	3030.00	1676.93 (upto October, 1988)
4	Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Establishment of Farmers Agro-Service Centres for Custom Hiring and Popularisation of Improved Agricultural Implements and Hand Tools .	13.05	3.25
5	Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Special Livestock Breeding Programme	45.01	22.50
6	Lab to Land Programme Phase V 1988-90, Critical inputs are provided @ Rs. 500/- per year per family. 600 Farm families will be benefited during phase V	3.00	1.64

Increase in the quota of rice for Tribals

2719. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the rice quota for tribals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the States where the foodgrains are being supplied at subsidised rates at present;

(c) whether any demand has been made by the State in this regard for improvement in the implementation of Integrated Tribal Development Projects; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Issues of foodgrains under the Scheme for distribution of rice and wheat at specially subsidised prices in the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas and the tribal majority States are made by the State Governments out of the allocations for the Public Distribution System to the States/Union Territories. No separate allocations are made by the Central Government for the purpose.

(b) A satement showing the names of States/Union Territories having ITDP areas and the tribal majority States where foodgrains are being supplied at specially subsidised rates under the scheme is attached (See below)

(c) and (d) Some State Governments have requested for extension of the scope of the scheme to cover areas predominantly populated by tribals but not falling under I.T.D.Ps. However, it has not been possible to accede to this request.

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Statement indicating the names of the States/Union Territories having ITDP areas and Tribal Majority States and where foodgrains are being supplied at specially subsidised rates.

S. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory
	ITDP States/Union Territories
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Assam
3.	Bihar